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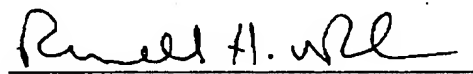
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1                   **RESPONSE under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and**2                   **AMENDMENT under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

3                   In response to the Examiner's Action dated December 22, 2006, please amend the  
4                   above-identified application as follows:

5                   **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2  
6                   of this paper.

7                   **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.